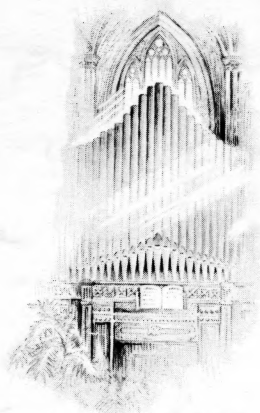


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PHONE 650-651

April 7, 1954

Mr. Carroll Rikert, Jr.  
Business Manager  
Middlebury College  
Middlebury, Vermont

Re: Organ #1403

Dear Mr. Rikert:

Quite by chance I think we have learned the mystery of the console trouble.

Two students from Middlebury went through the plant early this week. They mentioned to the guide that a "stink bomb" had been set off in the blower room at Mead Chapel recently. To our visitors this was a big joke in the olfactory sense.

We, of course, haven't the slightest idea what the ingredients of the bomb were and if our guide had not mentioned it as a humorous incident, we might never have heard about it. The students did not register but our guide thinks they were from New York State.

It is reasonable to assume that the acrid fumes from the bomb would attack the contacts and may have done damage to the leathers. The latter might not show up for years.

I thought I would pass this along for what it may be worth. Possibly some of the teaching staff are aware of the incident.

Sincerely yours,  
Estey Organ Corporation  
By *Bertram C. Baldwin, Jr.*  
Bertram C. Baldwin, Jr.  
Sales Manager  
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Enger 24/2/04

Buttons for pre-selected selection of  
Stops does not work consistently -  
We measure every or a few stops

2. They pay as they measure may not pay  
under any circumstances.

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Several red stops can no longer be turned  
Near factory returning.